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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 01-494)

## **TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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  - b) Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449;
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  - d) Postcard.
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**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103, nor is this submission to be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

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**CITED REFERENCES**

**U.S. Patent Documents**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
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5,434,872	July 18, 1995	Petersen et al.

Respectfully submitted,

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 <b>THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)		<b>Applicant:</b> David James Stevenson et al.		
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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